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REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 22, and 26 have been amended, claims 23-25 have been canceled, and new claims 23-30 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-12, 21-22, and 26-32 are now pending in the application.

The objection to the drawings submitted on 10/6/2005 is noted. Submitted herewith are replacement drawings which are duly notated as replacement sheets, which should resolve the objection.

The objection to claims 26-30 because of inconsistent language is noted. Claim 26 has now been amended to use the "adapted" language which is appropriate for such a case where the apparatus is being positively claimed, but not the environment into which it is adapted to be placed. Accordingly, this objection should now be fully addressed and thus withdrawn.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 6, 8-12, and 27 are objected to, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 2. Allowable claim 6 has been rewritten as new independent claim 31. Allowable claim 8 has been rewritten as new independent claim 32, and claims 9 and 11 have been amended to depend upon new claim 32. Claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 27.

Claims 23-25 have been canceled, without prejudice.

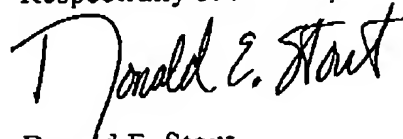
Accordingly, Applicant believes that all of the remaining pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and early notification of same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below,

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should any further questions or issues need to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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